

REMARKS

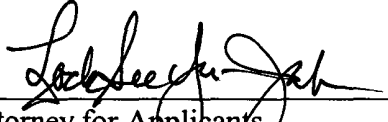
The present application is a division of copending parent application, Application No. 09/431,269 filed on November 1, 1999. Claims 14-20 are presented for examination, of which Claims 14, 19, and 20 are in independent form. Claims 1-13 have been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter presented therein.

Favorable consideration and an early passage to issue of the present divisional application are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

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